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WALKER OUTRAGED AT TREATMENT OF GI
Suggests Citizens Donate To Troops

MILWAUKEE – County Executive Scott Walker was outraged at the treatment of Army Sergeant Jason Hess by a Wisconsin-based internet company. Sgt. Hess e-mailed the company, Discount-mats.com, to ask if the company would ship mats to an APO box in Iraq. The company sent an e-mail back stating, “We do not ship to APO addresses, and even if we did, we would NEVER ship to Iraq. If you were sensible, you and your troops would pull out of Iraq.”

“This response to a soldier serving in Iraq is unconscionable,” said Walker. “It is a personal embarrassment to me that this company is based in Milwaukee County.”

Walker suggests that residents should show their support for the military and help counter the negative perception this behavior has caused by donating to the Military Order of the Purple Heart, so that they may purchase items that soldiers need. “This is a great way for Milwaukee County residents to show that we do not subscribe to the inappropriate and disrespectful behavior demonstrated by whomever sent that e-mail,” said Walker.

Donations should be made out to the Military Order of the Purple Heart. Donations can be sent to the Office of the County Executive, 901 N. 9th Street, Room 306, Milwaukee, WI 53233.

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